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FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE REPLY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF WMO TO THE DEMARCHE OF THE MISSION OF 10 JANUARY 1975.

QUOTE: REFERENCE S/CG-VII. THE SECRETARIAT OF THE WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION PRESENTS IT COMPLIMENTS AND HAS
THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE NOTE OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DATED 10 JANUARY 1975 ON THE SUBJECT
OF THE SECRETARIAT'S CIRCULAR LETTER NO. S/CG-VII DATED 23
DECEMBER 1974.

THE SECRETARIAT WISHES TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT THE CIRCULAR
LETTER INsofar AS IT REFERS TO THE "PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY
GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIET-NAM" (PRG) MEETS WITH THE DISAPPROVAL
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IT EARNESTLY HOPES HOWEVER THAT
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND EXPLANATIONS WILL DISPEL ANY
DOUBTS AS TO THE PROPRIETY OF THE ACTION TAKEN.

THE PROCEDURE WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED IN SUBMITTING FOR THE
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APPROVAL OF MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED

BY MEMBERS CONCERNING INVITATIONS TO NON-MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ATTEND SEVENTH CONGRESS IS THE SAME AS THAT FOLLOWED IN RESPECT OF PREVIOUS CONGRESSES, THIS PROCEDURE BEING DESCRIBED IN THE SECRETARIAT'S CIRCULAR LETTER NO. CG-VII DATED 18 MARCH 1974.

IT WILL BE SEEN FROM THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CIRCULAR LETTER DATED 18 MARCH 1974 THAT THE ROLE OF THE SECRETARIAT IS OF A PURELY PROCEDURAL NATURE, THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS RESTING ENTIRELY WITH THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MEMBERS AND EXERCISED BY THE VOTES THEY CAST. THE SECRETARIAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE ANY JUDGEMENT AND AS WILL BE SEEN FROM THE SECRETARIAT'S CIRCULAR LETTER NO. S/CG-VII DATED 3 JULY 1974, THE PRECISE FORM OF WORDS USED BY MEMBERS MAKING PROPOSALS IS STRICTLY ADHERED TO, EVEN IN THOSE CASES WHERE IT WOULD SEEM THAT DIFFERENT FORMS HAVE BEEN USED FOR WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE A SINGLE NON-MEMBER COUNTRY.

AS REGARDS THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PROPOSED NON-MEMBER COUNTRY SHOULD POSSESS A METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, THE PRACTICE IN CASE OF DOUBT IS TO SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM THE PROPOSED COUNTRY ITSELF BEFORE SUBMITTING ITS NAME TO A POSTAL BALLOT. AS THE SECRETARIAT HAS NEITHER THE AUTHORITY NOR THE MEANS TO MAKE A PHYSICAL CHECK ON THE TERRITORY OF THE PROPOSED COUNTRY, THE PRACTICE HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ACCEPT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE PROPOSED COUNTRY.

THUS THE INCLUSION OF A NAME ON THE VOTING SLIP DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS IN NO WAY IMPLIES, EITHER DIRECTLY, OR BY IMPLICATION, ANY RECOGNITION BY THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE OF THE STATUS OF THE "COUNTRY" PROPOSED NOR ANY VIEW OR OPINION AS TO THE APPROPRIATENESS THAT IT BE INVITED TO CONGRESS. IT IS SIMPLY AN INDICATION THAT A PRESCRIBED PROCEDURE HAS BEEN FOLLOWED.

IN THE PARTICULAR CASE REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED NOTE OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES, THE PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVED IN GOOD ORDER. A LETTER WAS SENT SEEKING CONFIRMATION THAT THE PROPOSED "COUNTRY" POSSESSES A METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE AND A POSITIVE REPLY WAS RECEIVED. THE NAME WAS THEREFORE INSCRIBED IN THE VOTING SLIP ATTACHED TO THE SECRETARIAT'S ABOVE-MENTIONED LETTER DATED 23 DECEMBER.

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THE SECRETARIAT THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY SUBMITS THAT THE ACTION IT HAS TAKEN IS IN FULL CONFIRMITY WITH ITS PRESCRIBED ROLE.

THE SECRETARIAT WISHES ALSO TO RECALL THAT ON PAST OCCASIONS A MEMBER WISHING TO EXPRESS VIEWS OR MAKE ITS OWN POSITION CLEAR ON ANY QUESTION OF THE KIND REFERRED TO IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS HAS DONE SO BY MEANS OF A COMMUNICATION TO THE

SECRETARIAT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE CIRCULAR LETTER ANNOUNCING
THE RESULT OF THE VOTE.

GENEVA, 13 JANUARY 1975. END QUOTE. DALE

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